

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 13-38 and 40-43.

Claims 13, 19, 20, 29, 30, 36, and 37 were objected to on various grounds. The claims have been amended to address the grounds for objection and withdrawal of the objection is cordially urged.

Claims 13-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to delete references to "sliding bodies" and withdrawal of the rejection on that grounds is cordially urged.

With regard to claims 39 and 42, the Official Action questioned:

how [the first and second guiding elements that are arranged in a generally y-shaped at a longitudinal end of a single piece of sheet metal] can be arranged on a single piece of sheet metal at a longitudinal end since the sheet metal in claim [13] is defined as having a longitudinal end that is split to form the two flanges of a single guiding element.

Claim 39 has been canceled, however, to the extent that the Examiner maintains that claim 13 should be construed to exclude the possibility of "a piece of sheet metal" that forms each profiled guiding element being one of multiple flanges extending from another piece of sheet metal, the applicant disagrees.

Claim 42, which depends from independent claim 41, is submitted to be correct. Claim 41 recites that at least first and second ones of the at least three profiled guiding elements comprise a piece of sheet metal having two projecting edge flanges on a longitudinal edge thereof. A third profiled guiding element has surfaces that form second guiding surfaces, and the third profiled guiding element is not necessarily provided with two projecting edge flanges.

As claim 42 is submitted to be in proper form, withdrawal of the rejection of that claim is cordially urged.

With regard to claim 41, the Examiner questioned how the second guiding surfaces on the third profiled guiding element can be formed by one or more sheet metal rails. Contrary to the assertion in the Official Action, claim 41 does not require that all profiled guiding elements have two projecting edge flanges. Claim 41 only recites that at least first and second ones of the at least three profiled guiding elements comprise a piece of sheet metal having two projecting edge flanges. Thus, the recitation that the second guiding surfaces on the third profiled guiding element are formed by one or more sheet metal rails is submitted to be proper. Withdrawal of the rejection is cordially urged.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 13-38 and 40-43, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

To the extent that any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this application it is requested that there be a standing petition for extension of time and that any additional fees that are required, or refunds due, in connection with this or any other paper filed in connection with this application be charged to Deposit Account 503015.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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